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Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

It's the beginning of a new year for us at SWARC, and I look forward to all things we can achieve within the 2024-2025 year. We closed out the last year with Summer Field Day; possibly the hottest one we have had on record. With only a few minor hiccups along the way, we had a good Field Day and Family Dinner. It was our pleasure to host Mrs. Rose and the rest of her and Danny's family. There was good food, great desserts, and plenty of fellowship.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve another year as your President,

Please remember our fellow members who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these members. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Kenny, KJ4CVK, Steve, KA0GMY, and Bernie Jones, N4BAJ.

Steve, KA0GMY, continues to have health issues, but he was at our election meeting and twisted some arms as he is known to do!

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports: **'Hi Richard!**

I am and have been in the hospital since Tuesday night. I had pancreatitis and have had a lot of pain and been on very strong meds.



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I'm hoping to go home tomorrow or Monday if I get rid of the fever spikes I've been having. As far as the cancer all is still going in the right direction. Thanks Richard!' (Report from Richard Hall).

Kenny (KJ4CVK), has ongoing health issues, so keep him in your thoughts. Consider reaching out to him to give him a boost in his spirits.

Bernie (N4BAJ) has pulled back from many activities due to the length of his recovery. Reach out to him and encourage him.

We'll see you next month,
Rodney
KO4ZFO

Notes from NW3U (Dave)

Hello SWARC Members,

The program for the August meeting will be a presentation by Krish, W4VKU, on one of the many DX-peditions he has participated in. Please plan to come out and enjoy.

As general info, Penny exceeded her 'No Kid Hungry' Bake Sale goal thanks to the many cookies sold at Field Day and both in-person and on-line donations. There is still time left for you to donate online if you are interested. Please see the posting on our Facebook page for the link.



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From the Ham Public Service desk ,August events are the 2024 NCBC Summer Rally on Saturday August 11 and 2024 Five-0 Memorial Ride on Saturday August 17th. For more information or to sign up, go to HPSNC.ORG.

Dave, NW3U

SWARC 3 July 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was very well attended and there was food for everyone! Donations were taken to support cost of pizza, ice and drinks.

Those in physical attendance were:

Rodney Warren (KO4ZFO), Steve Suzanne (WB4SMS), Al Crawford (WA4TCJ), Linda Crawford (KI4LO), Rich Gehle (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Dave Krum (NW3U) and wife Penny, Steve Worth (NC4SW), Ken Castile (KN4GUS), Fred Williams (KQ4RPP), David Bartlett (KQ4QEH), Don Nicholson (KN4OEY), Paul Nicholson (KN4NGI), Dean Gustafson (WB4HSF) and Thomas Henry (KC2QVD).

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance; introductions were made around the room.

Old/Unfinished Business

None.



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New Business

None.

Program/Presentation

The meeting discussion centered around the recent Summer Field Day and how the club participated. I was furnished no details and I was not present, so this is it!

Public Service

Dave Krum's report is found in VP article near the top of this newsletter. Sign up for events at the website listed below.

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christy Fernandini's report detailed \$332.00 cash and checks for dues and meal donations with expenses of \$228.85 for food bank service fee, and reimbursement to Brian Knox for five-year .com domain renewal and to Rodney Warren for food at the June meeting. Balance of \$2,279.76 with no obligated funds or invoices outstanding.



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The meeting was officially adjourned around 7:43 pm?

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hall K7RLH
Secretary and Newsletter Editor

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You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew somewhat online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

SWARC Group – June 2024

The monthly total of check-ins was 163—a very significant dropoff from last month! **I guess the summer doldrums are here!** Note that **not** all net controls record their counts so numbers could actually be higher than recorded.



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- Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KT4JR & K7RLH
- KO4ZFO will call Monday evenings
- KN4OEY will call Tuesday evenings
- KK4BK will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
- KO4ZFO or a board member will call Thursday evenings
- Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Please contact Rodney Warren (KO4ZFO) or Don Nicholson (KN4OEY), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.



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LINKS (if you have other links you want added then send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars..net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org



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Upcoming Contests — Things to Do

IARU HF World Championship

The IARU HF World Championship occurs next weekend, beginning at 1200 UTC on Saturday, July 13 and concluding at 1159 UTC on Sunday, July 14. Participants can enter in CW, SSB, or mixed-mode categories. The exchange is a signal report and your ITU zone. ITU zones for stations in the Lower 48 are 6, 7, or 8. ITU zones for Canadian stations are 2, 3, 4, or 9. US and Canadian participants should visit the rules page for more information on how to determine their ITU zone.



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In addition, stations operated by members of the IARU Administrative Council; the three IARU Regional Executive committees, and IARU member-society HQ stations from around the globe will be on the air. HQ stations will send their member-society abbreviations.

See www.iaru.org/reference/member-societies for a list of IARU member-societies.

ARRL HQ station W1AW/4 will be on the air from Tennessee, operated by members of the Tennessee Contest Group, and IARU HQ station NU1AW will be on the air from Missouri. NU1AW will be a multi-operator, multi-station effort by N0AX, WX8C, AI6O, W0TT, NW0M, and N0UI. Operators at the N0AX station will include K4RO, WF7T, K9UR, K9EI, KK0U, KD9LSV, N5OT, KD0YJN, W0MJ, WB0TUA, and WB0SND.

Participants are reminded that self-spotting is strictly prohibited in all categories.

For the full rules and more information, visit www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championship.

North American QSO Parties Begin on July 20

July 20 is the first of three mode-based summer North American QSO Parties (NAQPs). The NAQP RTTY contest starts at 1800 UTC on Saturday, July 20, and concludes 12 hours later at 0559 UTC, Sunday, July 21. The NAQP CW contest will be held on August 3, followed by the NAQP SSB contest on August 17.

The NAQP contests are fun, friendly, and fast. The exchange is your name and state (or province or DXCC entity). NAQP events begin on Saturday afternoons at 1800 UTC, and last for 12 hours. Single-operator stations may operate up to 10 of the 12 hours.

See the rules web page at ncjweb.com/naqp for more information.



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Bulletins



2024 ARRL Field Day is a Wrap

ARRL Field Day, held on June 22 – 23, 2024, is on track to be one of the most successful events held in recent years. As of this writing, 3,009 entries have been received via the online entry form at <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php>. Field Day participants should check that all of the required supporting documentation related to their entries has been received by checking the Entries Received page at <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentriescvd.php>.

If the status of your entry is listed as Pending Documents, one or more of the required documents still needs to be submitted to complete your entry. Entrants can use the link provided in the confirmation email they received to add additional documents or to modify their entries. Field Day entries must be received by Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

Contest Summary

See the "Contests" section below for complete contest information.

July 8

- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [OK1WC Memorial \(MWC\)](#)

July 9

- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [ZL Sprint](#)



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- [DARC RTTY Sprint](#)

July 10

- [Phone Weekly Test](#)
- [A1Club AWT](#)
- [CWops Test \(CWT\)](#)
- [VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest](#)
- [Mini-Test 40](#)
- [Mini-Test 80](#)
- [RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB](#)

July 11

- [CWops Test \(CWT\)](#)

July 12

- [QRP Fox Hunt](#)
- [NCCC FT4 Sprint](#)
- [Weekly RTTY Test](#)
- [NCCC Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)

July 13

- [SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#)
- [IARU HF World Championship](#)



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July 14

- [QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint](#)

July 15

- [4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint](#)
- [K1USN Slow Speed Test](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [OK1WC Memorial \(MWC\)](#)
- [RSGB FT4 Contest](#)

July 16

- [Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#)
- [ICWC Medium Speed Test](#)
- [ZL Sprint](#)

July 17

- [Phone Weekly Test](#)
- [A1Club AWT](#)
- [CWops Test \(CWT\)](#)
- [VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest](#)
- [Mini-Test 40](#)
- [Mini-Test 80](#)

That's all for this time. Remember to send contesting-related stories, book reviews, tips, techniques, press releases, errata, schematics, club information, pictures, stories, blog links, and predictions to contest-update@arrl.org.



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73, [Paul, N1SFE](#)

Contests

July 4, 2024 - July 17, 2024

An expanded, downloadable version of QST's [Contest Corral](#) is available as a PDF. Check the sponsors' website for information on operating time restrictions and other instructions.

HF Contests

[K1USN Slow Speed Test](#), Jul 8, 0000z to Jul 8, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 10.

[ICWC Medium Speed Test](#), Jul 8, 1300z to Jul 8, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Jul 11.

[OK1WC Memorial \(MWC\)](#), Jul 8, 1630z to Jul 8, 1729z; CW; Bands: 80, 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jul 12.

[ICWC Medium Speed Test](#), Jul 8, 1900z to Jul 8, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Jul 11.

[Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest](#), Jul 9, 0100z to Jul 9, 0159z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6; RS + age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth); Logs due: Jul 10.

[ICWC Medium Speed Test](#), Jul 9, 0300z to Jul 9, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: Jul 11.

[ZL Sprint](#), Jul 9, 0800z to Jul 9, 0929z; CW, SSB, FT4; Bands: 80; CW/SSB: RS(T) + Outside Temperature (C), FT4: 4-character grid square; Logs due: Jul 10.

[DARC RTTY Sprint](#), Jul 9, 1800z to Jul 9, 1929z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40; DL: RST + (DOK/"NM"), non-DL: RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jul 16.



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[Phone Weekly Test](#), Jul 10, 0230z to Jul 10, 0300z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15; NA: Name + (state/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: Jul 12.

[A1Club AWT](#), Jul 10, 1200z to Jul 10, 1300z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: RST + Name; Logs due: Jul 15.

[CWops Test \(CWT\)](#), Jul 10, 1300z to Jul 10, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 13.

[Mini-Test 40](#), Jul 10, 1700z to Jul 10, 1759z; CW; Bands: 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jul 12.

[Mini-Test 80](#), Jul 10, 1800z to Jul 10, 1859z; CW; Bands: 80; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jul 12.

[RSGB 80m Club Championship](#), SSB, Jul 10, 1900z to Jul 10, 2030z; SSB; Bands: 80; RS + Serial No.; Logs due: Jul 11.

[CWops Test \(CWT\)](#), Jul 10, 1900z to Jul 10, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 13.

[CWops Test \(CWT\)](#), Jul 11, 0300z to Jul 11, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 13.

[CWops Test \(CWT\)](#), Jul 11, 0700z to Jul 11, 0800z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 13.

[QRP Fox Hunt](#), Jul 12, 0100z to Jul 12, 0230z; CW; Bands: 20; RST + (state/province/country) + name + power output; Logs due: Jul 13.

[NCCC FT4 Sprint](#), Jul 12, 0100z to Jul 12, 0130z; FT4; Bands: (see rules); 4-character grid



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square; Logs due: Jul 14.

[Weekly RTTY Test](#), Jul 12, 0145z to Jul 12, 0215z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 14.

[NCCC Sprint](#), Jul 12, 0230z to Jul 12, 0300z; CW; Bands: (see rules); Serial No. + Name + QTH; Logs due: Jul 14.

[K1USN Slow Speed Test](#), Jul 12, 2000z to Jul 12, 2100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 14.

[SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#), Jul 13, 1200z to Jul 14, 2359z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 30, 15, 10, 6; RST + (state/province/country) + Name + (SKCC No./"NONE"); Logs due: Jul 14.

[IARU HF World Championship](#), Jul 13, 1200z to Jul 14, 1200z; CW, Phone; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 30, 15, 10; IARU HQ: RS(T) + IARU Society, Non-HQ: RS(T) + ITU Zone No.; Logs due: Jul 21.

[QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint](#), Jul 14, 2000z to Jul 14, 2300z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + (state/province/country) + (ARCI no./power); Logs due: Jul 28.

[4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint](#), Jul 15, 0000z to Jul 15, 0200z; CW, SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: RS(T) + (State/Province/Country) + Member No., Non-member: RS(T) + (State/Province/Country) + Power; Logs due: Jul 17.

[K1USN Slow Speed Test](#), Jul 15, 0000z to Jul 15, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: Jul 17.

That's all folks!